

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, AUGUST, 14, 1884

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN NO. 1. SAN MARCOS ARRIVES FOLLOWING:

MAIL. EXPRESS.

Going South: 2:28 P. M. and 6:55 P. M.

Going North: 2:28 " and 9:45 A. M.

AGENTS FOR THE FREE PRESS.

The following persons are duly authorized agents for the Free Press and are empowered to receive and collect for the same.

County at large—

R. S. FORTSON, County Assessor.

J. C. EYK, County Surveyor.

San Marcos—

A. H. HATON, P. M.

Kyle—

CHENOWETH & SON.

Wimberly—

CROW & STILLER.

De Pe—

CHANDLER & SRO.

Manchaca—

PETER SCHMITT.

Fischer's Store—

W. M. WATT.

Hunter—

G. C. HUNTER.

Staple's Store—

M. L. REED.

Blanco City—

D. J. P. CAILL.

Johnson City—

H. C. STOREY.

IF the services of active friends of the paper as volunteer agents will be appreciated. All postmasters are also authorized to act as agents.

County Convention.

A Democratic County Convention of Hays County is hereby called to meet at San Marcos Texas on August 23d 1884 for the purpose of electing delegates to the Convention of the 91st representative District of Texas.

The chairman of the several precincts of this County are requested to call meetings of the Democratic party of their respective precincts to select delegates to said County Convention. Ed. J. L. Green, Chm'n Hays Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

STILL no rain.

Kyle wants a calaboose.

Hor, dry and very arid.

See advertisement of St. Edwards College, Austin.

See advertisement of Wood & Ford of valuable farm for sale.

The excursionists to the Guadalupe have returned and report a good time.

We noticed several loads of lumber bound for Blanco from this place last Thursday.

Read Johnson & Johnson's slipper advertisement to-day.

CANDIDATES cards printed neatly, promptly and cheaply at the Free Press office.

We learn there is to be no camp meeting in this vicinity this season. We wonder what is the matter?

Squire Cook had a cow killed by the International last Friday, near the railroad freight depot.

The waterworks Company have now 180 consumers on their list and have made considerable extensions to their lines recently.

The convention of this precinct last Saturday was as large or larger than the late county convention at Kyle.

Our people last Saturday sat down severely upon the charges of trickery and dishonesty so freely indulged in by the Kyle News.

The "first bale" for Hays county has been reported in the papers. Mr. Perry, a farmer on Maj. Nance's place is the producer.

We learn the County Commissioners at their present session appropriated \$200 towards a bridge over the creek at Dripping Springs.

The Water Company closed off twenty of their consumers this week. Some of them were watering water unnecessarily and others had failed to pay their bills promptly.

FIRST BALE.—A bale of new cotton was brought in on yesterday raised on J. S. Brown's place by Wallace & Pratt; sold to Mr. Crosby at 10¢ cents.

Owing to the bad behavior of some of our young ladies and gentlemen (?) during church services, a friend suggests the propriety of having the City Marshal present.

The announcements of T. J. McCarty for County Commissioner Precinct No. 1, and of W. M. Wyatt for County Surveyor, will be found in the proper place. Both are worthy and competent gentlemen.

If the dry weather we have been afflicted with lately has been bad for the cotton it has been good for hay-making and has been taken advantage of for that purpose. Even a dry spell has its advantages.

Under the present law non-resident land-owners on the lines of new roads are required to be notified of the proposed laying out of the same by publication in a newspaper of the county.

The fountain placed in the reservoir is the most attractive thing of the kind we have ever seen, and will certainly be beneficial in keeping the water pure. The water-works is one of the most popular and deserving institutions of our city.

JOHNSON GRASS.—Mr. C. W. Mann informs us that Maj. Montgomery, of Wilson county, says, that after said grass has been grown on the same place for five or six years, being closely mown all the time before the ripening of the seed, it will soon be displaced by other vegetation.

One young friend Kirby Dial, Esq., is announced in our present issue as a candidate for County Attorney. He may well regard it as quite a feather in his cap, that at so early a stage in his professional career, he is put forward by legal gentlemen and others for so responsible a position.

Having completed our share of the Blanco road, our county authorities, aided by some of our citizens, are now working portions of the road to Wimberly. They have struck out a new and improved route for several miles. Mark Rogers is bowing the work. A very commendable enterprise. No danger of having too many good roads.

Waco's Sad Fate.

Most of our readers will remember in the Diary of "Little Claude," which appeared in our columns some two years ago, his frequent references to his pet squirrel, "Waco." Never was a pet more dearly idolized by a child. He obtained two of them while he resided in the old San Marcos Hotel property, in the spring of 1876. One soon fell a victim to Gieson's dogs—Waco (or Waka as the boy first named it) survived. He and we went one night to Squire Grooms's, who then lived at Col. Herndon's place on Purgatory, and traded for a regular squirrel cage. Then followed great times for Waco and its owner. It was a remarkably smart and docile little thing, and its various antics and performances were for a long time regularly recorded in the Diary. Claude painted the squirrel's portrait on his cage with the following sign: "Waco & Co., Cash Paid for Pecans." He continued thus interested in it for several years, and to the end of his life always carefully attended to its wants, but not very long before he died said that he believed he would set it at liberty, if he were sure it would not be killed or caught because of its tameness. Alas, it could not have met a worse fate than it did on Tuesday night of last week.

Because of the hot weather and the rather close quarters afforded by its cage, the younger members of our family importuned us to get a larger one for Waco, so about a week previous we bought one which we had seen at Mr. John McGee's at the Institute, brought it home and established Waco in its new quarters, and placed the cage by the house outside. It was unanimously voted a great change for the better, and Waco appeared fully to appreciate the change. But on the night before named, while playing in the moonlight in the "lower story" of the cage, some of the numerous worthless curs which infest this town—a dozen to one that is of any use—contrived to force open the door and caught and killed poor little Waco. The cage next morning was found tenantless, and its late inmate lying some distance off.

Waco was eight years old last spring, and seemed good for as many more to come. Owing to the associations of the past, never was the loss of the life of a "wee beastie" more deeply and keenly mourned than was Waco at home. We buried the darling pet at the grave of the child who loved it so well in life, sadly reflecting on the suggestiveness of its fate of what so often occurs in human affairs, that in the very effort to benefit and bless others, we not unfrequently bring disaster to them, and remorse and misery to ourselves.

"Alas! how oft does goodness wound itself, And sweet affection prove the spring of woe!"

COMMUNISTON'S Court is in regular session this week. A full report will appear in due time in our columns.

The meeting Tuesday night to organize an exposition society, attended by about a dozen persons, T. H. Franklin in the chair. A committee of three was appointed by the chair to select a large working committee to collect and receive exhibits for the exposition. On motion the chair was added to the committee. Adjourned.

The following cases came before Squire Cook on Monday:

State vs. Tom Pruet, assault and battery; pleaded guilty. Fined \$5 and costs and in default of payment committed to jail.

State vs. Jim Rucker, disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty, \$5 and costs.

State vs. E. M. Alley, violating Sunday law, pleaded guilty, \$10 and costs. Mr. Alley left Tuesday to interview the Atty-General to have his fine remitted.

C. F. Avery, arraigned for failure to work streets, continued.

On Wednesday evening last, by invitation we visited the reservoir of the water-works to witness the new improvements there. The water now, instead of entering the reservoir at one side as formerly, is made to come up in the centre, through a series of pipes higher than the walls, and through a frame-work of rocks, handsomely arranged and ornamented, above which it rises and falls in a circular cascade below, resembling a large inverted glass jar. The effect is very beautiful, and by thus keeping the water constantly in motion, it is believed that its greater purity could be ensured, and we are informed that the anticipated result is being realized. A number of ladies and gentlemen were present on the occasion, who expressed much pleasure at this handsome and important improvement.

EDITOR FREE PRESS.—I hand you for the public's information the total value of the different rolls and taxes assessed on same:

Roll Form B, or

Holl Roll, Total val.

Taxes ass'd on same \$2,447,300

Roll Form D, or Un-

rendered Roll, Total

value.....\$ 192,190

Taxes ass'd on same \$ 1,735 27

Roll Form C, or Non-

resident Roll, Total

value.....\$86,540 00

Taxes ass'd on same \$ 692 32

Supplemental Roll,

Total value.....\$ 500 00

Taxes ass'd on same \$ 4 00

Roll Form E, or R-

R. and Telegraph Roll,

Total value.....\$ 2,120 00

Taxes ass'd on same \$ 16 96.

R. S. FORTSON.

SAN MARCOS, Aug. 16, 1884.

Slippers! Slippers!!

In order to close out our stock, we announce from this date a general reduction in the price of slippers.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Just received from Missouri mills an invoice of extra fine flour, also a lot of fine sugars, coffees, tobaccos, cigars, etc. All goods guaranteed to give satisfaction. Free delivery in city.

R. W. LEAVELL.

New Meat Market.

Billy Reed wishes everybody to know that he has opened a meat market on the east side of the public square. Beef, stall hours, from 3 A. M. to 8 P. M.—the best quality. Also mutton, kid and pork. Give him a trial.

\$500 Reward.

For black and tan Scotch shepherd dog, will come to name of Frank; had chain and collar on when last seen. T. M. FAIRBANK.

SAN MARCOS, Aug. 14, 1884.

Removal.

K. Vanevery wishes to inform his friends from the country and the public generally, that he has removed his business from the old site of the city to the new site of the square at McAllister's building, first door north of McAllister's stable.

Stock for Sale.

The subscriber has about sixty head of cattle for sale, consisting of cows, calves, yearlings, and two year olds—a large proportion females. Best four old ones in the lot. The cattle are at all times, in miles south west of San Marcos. I have also five three year old beef steers in fair order. July 10th at.

JOHN SCOTT.

I Am Agent For

McCormick self binder, Mowers, etc., Jackson wagons, Deer plows, Castly sulky plows, Standard cultivators, Bookwalter hay rakes, Wheeler Thrashers and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

WM. GIERER.

Democratic Convention, Precinct No. 1.

The convention was called to order by Capt. James G. Storey, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Precinct No. 1, Hays county, who stated the object of the meeting, and on motion was elected chairman, and Jas. G. Burleson, secretary.

On motion of Col. S. D. Jackman, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Be it resolved that this convention vote by ballot, putting the ballots in a box, and if there be two ballots found folded to gether that both be thrown out.

2. That there be two judges to pass up on the democracy of voters, and that none but democrats be entitled to vote, and the same qualifications be required as in other elections, and that there be two clerks appointed to register the votes.

3. That one hour be given in which to cast the vote for Capt. Kyle and Dr. Combs, candidates for the legislature.

On motion of J. V. Hutchins the resolutions were amended as follows:

Allowing all entitled to vote at the next general election to vote in this convention.

The chair appointed E. Northcraft and R. H. Manlove as judges and W. C. Dugger and Ford M. Burleson as clerks of the election, the chair to act as umpire in case judges could not agree on qualified voters.

Mr. J. V. Hutchins moved that the chair appoint three of the friends of either party to select delegates to the county convention—adopted.

Judge Edward R. Kone then introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved by the democratic party of Precinct No. 1, of Hays county, in mass meeting assembled, that we recognize in the Hon. John Ireland, a man of unwavering patriotism of true integrity of character, and of eminent statesmanship; that we believe that he has administered the State government with an eye single to the good of the people of Texas, and with renewed confidence in his public virtue we request the delegates to the Houston convention to vote for his nomination for Governor.

Judge Sterling Fisher moved the point of order, and after some discussion by Messrs. Thos. H. Franklin, Judge Fisher, J. V. Hutchins, Col. S. D. Jackman and others, the motion of Judge Fisher was sustained by the chair.

Mr. J. V. Hutchins then appealed from the decision of the chair, and vote resulted as follows:

For sustaining point of order.....41

Against sustaining point of order.....50

E. Northcraft then moved to table the resolution, which was lost. The vote was then taken on resolution of Judge Kone and carried.

On motion the convention then proceeded to ballot, which resulted as follows:

Combs156

Kyle129

The chair then appointed E. Northcraft, Sterling Fisher and Basil Dailey a committee to select delegates to the county convention, who selected the following delegates:

I. B. Donaldson, Thos. H. Franklin, J. V. Hutchins, S. D. Jackman, G. G. Johnson, W. C. Dugger, S. R. Kone, L. J. Dailey, J. E. Pritchett and J. G. Storey, and on motion of Judge Kone the committee was added to the list.

There being no further business the convention then adjourned.

JAS. G. STOREY, Chm'n.

JAS. G. BURLESON, Sec'y.

This selection of a candidate for representative in the precinct meetings on Saturday was by ballot and was substantially in accordance with the views formerly expressed by Col. Jackman and the Free Press. The total vote in this precinct was 285 which stood as follows:

Combs156

Kyle129

Combs' majority 27.

At Dripping Springs the vote stood:

Combs 39

Kyle 20

Combs majority 19.

At Wimberly the vote was as follows:

Combs 23

Kyle 20

Combs' majority 3.

The convention in precinct No. 2 is yet to take place.

"ORTHODOXY IN THE CIVIL COURTS."

Such is the title of a work which was handed us some weeks since by Elder Pritchett, which we meant to have noticed sooner. We have had time only to give it quite a cursory examination, but will give it a passing notice as a literary, or rather theological curiosity. The case was brought against the trustees of Salem Methodist Protestant church in the Noble county, Indiana Circuit Court, in behalf of friends of the Christian church (Disciples of Christ). It seems a church edifice had been erected, known as the Haw Patch church, by the Protestant Methodists, aided considerably by outsiders. It was stipulated in the subscription papers that the house should be free to all orthodox denominations when not in use by the said branch of Methodists. Under this clause it was so occupied, and among others by the Disciples, and for a considerable time, when they were forbidden the further use of the building on the ground that they were not orthodox in their views. Thus the case came into court as before stated, and the volume of some 250 pages before us is the report of the evidence and arguments in the case. (The defense abandoned the case before argument, but the plaintiff is included.)

The bringing of such a case before a civil trial, was something of a novelty, and it is amusing to think of the judge and lawyers posting themselves up on theological topics. The book gives a very full and clear idea of the views of the Disciples, and their orthodoxy is established, at least by the civil courts. As to anything further we shall not undertake to give an opinion, further than to say that the witty Rev. Sidney Smith, if we remember rightly, gave perhaps the best key to the spirit of such controversies when he said that "orthodoxy is my doxy and heterodoxy is your doxy."

Reduction in price of slippers at

JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

PERSONAL.

Judge Wood, besides making a new pavement, has removed the old Briggs house.

Alex. Smith and S. T. Walters are down from Dripping Springs.

We are authorized to announce W. B. Adair as a candidate for the legislature.

Mr. Waldron, representing the San Antonio Express, made the Free Press a pleasant call on Monday.

Mrs. Durham and Miss Bettie Coleman left on Saturday on a visit of a week or more to friends on the Colorado.

Mr. Wright, of the Blanco News, called on us on Tuesday en route for the New Braunfels convention.

We meant to have mentioned last week the return of Rev. Mr. Allen, of St. Marks, from sojourning abroad.

Miss Shadoin, of Prairie Lea, returned home yesterday from a visit to her friend Miss Ellison, of this place.

We are happy to be able to inform an anxious public that the health of Col. T. M. Prince our able and efficient town marshal, remains good, very good. So he says.

D. B. Coeheim has just returned from another trip with horses to Kansas and the Indian Territory. He reports the corn crop of Kansas as simply immense.

From Hofheinz Hotel register Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: W. T. Chapman and R. G. Horsley, Dripping Springs; R. A. Wilson, Dubuque, Iowa; W. T. Robinson, Austin and St. Louis.

Capt. Turner and family removed to San Antonio the fore part of the week. Dr. Turner now occupies the place of Mr. Turner, and Dr. de Steiger Dr. Pennington's late residence, which he now owns.

We were pleased last week to make the acquaintance of Thos. W. Hofheinz, of the vicinity of Dripping Springs. By the way see his advertisement of improved farms for sale.

We learn that teachers are wanted at Centre Point, Kerr county, man and wife. Address M. R. Mann, one of the trustees. The opening is doubtless a good one for competent teachers.

We are indebted to Hon. J. F. Miller, M. C. for a package of turnip seed, received through the Department of Agriculture, and presumably of a new and improved variety. Just in good time for our new "irrigation" facilities from the water-works.

Dr. L. W. Cook is located at Steller, Fayette county, in the practice of his profession. Like a good and sensible boy, he orders a copy of the Free Press by means of which he no doubt expects (and justly) to be able to keep trace of the girls he left behind him.

Parson Harris, we learn, recently preached on moonlight strolls and boat rides on the river. (Popularly styled "moonlight picnics.") We concur with the Parson in the main, but beg leave to suggest that persons of mature years and established good habits may properly form an exception to the rule. Of course we are entirely disinterested (?) in making this remark.

John Wilson, better known from the place of his education, as Norway Wilson, who resided near Wimberly, met with a fatal accident on Tuesday last, being "kicked" by a horse, from the effects of which he died on the following day. Mr. Wilson was 65 years of age, and was quite an old resident of this county. By industry and enterprise he had accumulated a handsome fortune, being worth as we are informed probably \$25,000.

W. T. Chapman, Alex. Smith and Prof. R. G. Horsley, from Dripping Springs were in town first of the week. The last named is the principal of the academy at that place, and says they will soon build an addition to the building, and will be ready, which will then accommodate some 300 pupils. There are about 150 in the community and considerable attendance from abroad. The effects of the drought are more noticeable in this vicinity than at Dripping Springs, the Prof. thinks.

Capt. Martin was down last Thursday from his ranch in Gillespie county. He has just purchased a stock of improved cattle, and is quite enthusiastic over the prospects in that region. He says the heat is not so oppressive there as here and in coming down the mornings were so cold as to make a fire very comfortable. The Capt. returned with Col. Jim Malone who had been up to the country, and who expressed himself as being much pleased therewith.

We regret to learn that the organization of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union at this place, set on foot recently by Mrs. Beauchamp, head of the movement in Texas, is likely to fall through, at least for the present. The good lady made a grave mistake in not remaining long enough to perfect the organization and stimulate to action. We hope she will return and complete her work. Such things in their infancy require some nursing. The enterprise we feel sure could be made a fine success and great blessing here, with the proper effort to give it a good start.

Professor J. C. Patton, of Nashville College, is in this city, and in the evening gave the Free Press a pleasant call yesterday. He is traveling in the interest of the college and reports having met with great success throughout the State. The institution he represents was established in connection with Vanderbilt University in 1880, for the higher education of women, with an ample endowment and complete appointments in all respects, and claims advantages superior to any college for young ladies at the South.

We have been delinquent in not noticing here this receipt of a package of Maple seed from Mr. J. J. Dailey, an old friend of Linn county, Iowa, where we spent several years at an early period in its history. We presume they are of the soft or silver-leaf variety, which is the favorite shade tree all over the North. It is a very beautiful tree, clean, and in every way unobjectionable. Our friend was no doubt not aware that this part of Texas, "in a state of nature" is too dry for the successful growth of this tree; but in a "state of grace", produced by irrigation, it would probably do well, and having just had introduced into the grounds of the "Hermitage" no less than four hydrants from the water works, by thus subsidizing the silvery San Marcos we hope to succeed in growing not only the silver maple, but also many other beautiful things which we have heretofore despaired of producing. If we ever grow a tree or so from this seed, it will recall pleasantly to our mind the fine scenery of its native home, the valley of the Red Cedar river, and the good friends we once knew in Iowa; as also the still older and dearer associations of our Indiana home. Thanks to our friend, at all events, for his remembrance.

Auction Sale.

If not previously sold at private sale, at the residence of Mr. Storm, known as the Carmichael place, Saturday August 16th, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m., household furniture, chairs, rockers, tables, safe, etc. Also a fine spring wagon with tongue and shafts, a single harness, saddle and bridle, a three-year-old donkey saddle and bridle, and many other articles.

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TOWN COUNCIL.

Bridge Business—New Policeman, etc. Tuesday, August 12, 8:30 p. m.—Present Mayor Cook, Councilmen Wood, Glover, Dailey and Gieson. The following bills were allowed: H. Julian, printing and advertising, \$3.10; Jas. Blum, sewerage, \$4.25; J. H. Gary, plow etc., for road work, \$12.40; J. W. Danforth, boarding town prisoners, \$10.25.

E. Northcraft submitted plan for the proposed bridge at Chatham's ford, and offered to put up same complete for \$1000, payable Jan. 1st, 1885, bearing 6 percent. Interest from date of completion and acceptance of same. The council agreed to pay \$500, the town being responsible for the remaining \$500 and interest as above stated on the whole amount. Alderman Dailey desired that the bridge contract be let to the lowest bidder; whereupon Northcraft stated that anybody who would re-imburse him for the outlay for pile-driver and other tools could take the contract. The proposition made by Northcraft to build the bridge for \$1000 as given above was accepted by the board and the mayor was authorized to draw up the contract.

Frank O'bannon was appointed special policeman at \$2 per month and perquisites of office.

The council met Tuesday morning in special session in conjunction with the commission's court, to receive the new bridge, which was accepted and \$63 asked by the contractor for extra work allowed.

FIRE IN SAN MARCOS.

Puss Wright's Mansion totally Consumed. Tuesday night, shortly after 10 o'clock an alarm of fire was given, pistols were fired, bells rung and a general scramble ensued for the cause of conflagration. It proved to be the dwelling of Mrs. Puss Wright, a colored female of rather unsavory reputation, which was situated in the rear of T. P. Dailey